

from New York City to join the firm. The business continued to expand; and in the 1930s Louis's sons, John and Carl, went to work for the thriving pasta company.

Built on strong ties to family and community, the Fort Worth Macaroni Company became one of the leading regional pasta manufacturers and is the only company of its kind still existing in the South and Southwest.

The fourth generation of the Laneri family, Louis II and Carlo, continues the pasta operation on the south side of town. Working at the company from their teens, both returned to the family enterprise after graduating from college (Texas Wesleyan University and Stephen F. Austin University, respectively).

Louis Laneri, representing O.B. Macaroni, is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Pasta Association and a member of the DFW Grocers Association, the Food Salesman's Association, and the Food Processors Association.

Carrying on a tradition of giving back to the community, the family donates regularly to the Tarrant County Food Bank, the Women's Haven of Tarrant County, and various Fort Worth social and religious causes and programs, including education in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate and thank the Laneri family and the O.B. Macaroni Company for 100 years of success. Fort Worth is a better place thanks to their family unity, hard work, and charity over the past century.

#### ENDING MILITARY USE OF VIEQUES AND RETURNING IT TO THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO

#### HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 1999

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the hard work of the Special Commission on the Situation of Vieques, which recently delivered its final report to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. I would especially like to recognize the Honorable Anibal Acevedo Vila, who very ably served on this commission representing the Popular Democratic Party, for his tireless efforts on behalf of the people of Vieques as well as the general population of Puerto Rico.

The conclusion reached by the Special Commission is that the U.S. Navy must cease its activities on the island of Vieques and return the occupied territory to the people of Vieques as soon as possible. I am pleased to note that the Governor of Puerto Rico agreed with the report's findings and recommendations and adopted them as Administration policy.

I have reviewed the report and was very impressed by the Commission's extensive research and findings. I have the report available for Members of Congress and urge all to call me for copies, and if not for the page limit, I would publish it at this point in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Again, my congratulations to the Special Commission on the Situation of Vieques for their fine work in investigating U.S. Naval operations on the island.

#### CITIZENS MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE FACILITY

#### HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 1999

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to publicly congratulate the board of directors, administrative staff and employees of the Citizens Memorial Health Care Facility in Bolivar, Missouri for their outstanding vision, dedication and effort in attaining Merit Status in OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program. The 111 bed licensed skilled nursing facility located in Missouri's Seventh Congressional District joins over 400 other businesses in our nation in participation in this program. However this recognition is unique because this is the first skilled nursing care facility in the Nation to achieve this high level of safety compliance.

The designation was granted after an intensive 15 month-self study by employees at all levels followed by a rigorous five day comprehensive review visit by OSHA inspectors who found the facility to be fully in compliance with all regulations.

According to OSHA this designation means that the health and safety practices and procedures developed by CMHCF are models within the nursing care industry, and that the facility is preparing itself for even higher levels of health and safety compliance.

I would also point out that this outstanding achievement is the result of a cooperative effort between public and private entities rather than a unilateral regulatory effort on the part of a lone federal agency. To quote OSHA "This concept recognizes that compliance enforcement alone can never fully achieve the objectives of the Occupational Safety and Health Act. Good safety management programs that go beyond OSHA standards can protect workers more effectively than simple compliance."

This commitment to excellence in the care of its patients and employees is part of an overall culture of caring that is being recognized by a variety of outside agencies. For example, CMHCF is only one of seven facilities in the state that the Missouri Division of Aging has found to be deficiency free for six years or longer.

I express my appreciation, and that of all my colleagues, to Board President Dave Strader, Executive Director Don Babb, and Facility Administrator Jeff Miller for their leadership in bringing this national recognition to Bolivar Missouri and the Seventh Congressional District.

#### 1999 EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS AWARDS

#### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the recipients of the fourth annual Excellence in Business Award for their high ethical standards, corporate success and growth, employee and customer service, and concern for the environment.

Award winners include many types of businesses from the Valley: agriculture; charities;

finance; banking and insurance; health care; manufacturing; professional services; real estate and construction; nonprofit organizations; small businesses; retail and wholesale.

The 1999 Excellence in Business Award winners are: Joseph Gallo Farms-Agriculture, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Fresno, Kings and Madera Counties Inc.-Charitable, Valley Small Business Development Corp.-Financial/Banking/Insurance, The Fresno Surgery Center-Healthcare, National Diversified Sales-Manufacturing, San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust-Nonprofit, Anthony C. Pings and Associates-Professional Services, Colliers Tingey International-Real Estate/Construction, Me-n-Ed's Pizzerias-Retail/Wholesale, McCombs and Associates-Small Business, and Samuel T. Reeves-Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate each of the 1999 Excellence in Business Award winners for their leadership and contributions to the community. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing all of the recipients many more years of continued success.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE JOHNSON FAMILY ON THEIR 25TH REUNION

#### HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 1999

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to the attention of my colleagues here in the United States House of Representatives a family rich in both history and tradition. I speak of the Johnson Family, who will gather on July 30th-August 1, 1999 to celebrate their 25th Annual Johnson Family Reunion.

The Johnson Family are descendants of the distinguished George Johnson of Lincolnton, Georgia. The theme for this year's reunion of the Johnson Family is "A Strong Foundation . . . Bridge To The New Millennium."

At a time when we constantly hear that family values are a thing of the past, the Johnson Family stands out as a shining example of the strong, enduring bonds of family. As we enter this new millennium, we indeed draw inspiration from the Johnson family and their commitment to each other and to the betterment of society.

Mr. Speaker, I call upon all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Johnson Family as generations young and old gather for this special occasion. May their 25th family reunion be a successful event full of happy memories which they will carry to the new millennium.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE EDUCATING AMERICA'S GIRLS ACT OF 1999, H.R. 2505

#### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 1999

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce The Educating America's Girls Act of 1999, or the Girls Act, along with Representatives NANCY JOHNSON, WILLIAM CLAY, CONNIE MORELLA, LYNN WOOLSEY, and many of my other colleagues today.